

Mr. Archer to the third section was adopted and that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until tomorrow. He thought so important a subject as this should not be disposed of in the absence of so many delegates from Baltimore city.

Mr. McKaig hoped there would be no more action on this matter. There was no State in the Union where it was so difficult to reconcile conflicting rights as in the State of Maryland, and if this matter was once opened, there would be no end to the discussion on the matter.

Mr. Barnes said the larger counties and the city of Baltimore had conceded much for the sake of compromise, and it was to be regretted that they were met here with so different a spirit. So far as the city was concerned, they had been willing to accept this report as a compromise, but such was not to be the case. Let the whole fight be opened, if it takes until October.

Mr. Carter said as the assertion had been made that this was a blow at the city of Baltimore, and as he had voted for the amendment, it was proper that he should say that it was no blow whatever leveled at Baltimore. There was no violation of the principle of the section as reported. It provided that the largest county should never have more than seven delegates, and the city of Baltimore always three times as many as the largest county. The amendment provided that the largest county shall never have more than six, which will give to the city of Baltimore eighteen. There is no injury done to the city of Baltimore by this. He believed that the city of Baltimore had too many representatives now, not as compared to the rest of the State, but he did not believe that mere numbers were all that was necessary to represent any constituency.

Mr. Brown differed altogether from his colleague (Mr. Carter.) According to the argument of his colleague, numbers were to count for nothing; and if this was the case, they might as well go back to the constitution of 1776, under which this city of Annapolis had two representatives in the House of Delegates, and the city of Baltimore two. This was a matter upon which the people of Baltimore felt deeply, and they would not be satisfied with less than the report of the committee.